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This is interim reply your 333 349 and 355. Joint survey report under consideration by Defense in order determine 1) type units to be formed 2) type equipment and training 3) total cost 57, 58 programs.

Congressional cut in FY 57 MDAP appropriation necessitated review worldwide requirements by all agencies concerned in order reach firm FY 57 program for Libya to implement commitment made Libyan Government. Anticipate final U.S. Government position on this program will be available within three weeks. Department doing everything possible to expedite. Equipment involved is standard conventional army equipment not in short supply and therefore deliveries should not be unduly protracted provided shipping available.

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Department giving urgent consideration discussion with British to subsequently include Libyans in light your 355 and previous messages. Guidance will follow soonest possible.

Soon as minor textual differences between State and Defense reconciled Department expects very shortly authorize you initiate negotiations with GOL for necessary military assistance agreement.

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